(e) whether it is also a fact that Indiresan Committee recommended that 70 per cent of the plan funding should be utilised for infrastructure development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. In pursuance to the decision of the Council of NTs, an expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.V. Indiresan consisting of Shri.Hari S. Bhartia, Chairman, Board of Governors, I IT, Kanpur, Prof. R.S. Sirohi, Director, IIT, Delhi, Prof. R. Natarajan, former Director, IIT, Madras and presently Chairman, AICTE, Prof. Ashok Chandra, former Special Secretary, Department of Secondary and Higher Education and others also was constituted to review funding of NTs.

Based on the experience of implementation of the Block Grant Scheme and international trends, the Committee recommended a shift to formula based non-plan funding for NTs with outcome focus. Broad principle being that similar activities should be funded at similar rates and any variation should be based on sound and justifiable reasons.

The Committee also recommended that plan grants for infrastructure renewal or expansion should be based on institutes perspective plans and their performance in reaching milestones as per those plans. The Committee recommended a performance-linked grant to promote initiative and competition.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

438. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the introduction of Mid-Day Meal Scheme, in schools in different States, there has been marked increase in number of school going children;

(b) if so, the increase and percentage of increase in school enrolments registered in different States;

(c) whether in certain States cash incentives have been given to. poor children for universalisation of primary education; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, and the cost involved and the success achieved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Coverage of Mid-Day Meal Programme was extended to Government, Government-aided and local body primary schools all over the country from the year 1997-98. Accordingly, comparative figures of enrolment in these primary schools in various States as on 30.9.1997 and 30.9.2002 are given in the Statement enclosed (See below). These figures show an upward trend for a majority of States. Mid-Day Meal Scheme is one of several factors which may be contributing to this trend.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected.

Statement

State-wise enrolment in primary schools covered by Mid-Day Meal Programme as on 30.9.97 and 30.9.2002

(Enrolment in numbers)

Sl. No.	States	Enrolment of Children as on 30.9.1997	30.9.2002	%age change
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7,240,977	7,717,673	6.58
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	96,934	181,606	87.35
3.	Assam	2,334,724	3,210,526	37.51
4.	Bihar	8,047,068	8,868,044 1	38.21
5-.	Jharkhand*	—	2,254,066 J	
6.	Goa	99,089	69,647	-29.71
7.	Gujarat	4,478,388	3,004,496	-32.91
8.	Haryana	1,721,155	1,578,538	-8.29
9.	Himachal Pradesh	658,067	614,847	-6.57
10	Jammu & Kashmir*	620,364	738,777	19.09
11	Karnataka	5,486,803	5,349,540	-2.50
12	Kerala	2,616,547	2,166,510	-17.20
13	Madhya Pradesh	8,326,302	7,729,652 1	26.81
14	Chhattisgarh*		2,828,582 J	

1	2	3	4	5
15.	Maharashra	8,385,065	9,721,167	15.93
16.	Manipur	216,623	296,211	36.74
17.	Meghalaya	289,692	485,980	67.76
18.	Mizoram	96,626	94,042	-2.67
19.	Nagaland	97,335	173,598	78.35
20.	Orissa	4,004,353	4,631,826	15.67
21.	Punjab	1,766,396	1,559,682	-11.70
22,	Rajasthan	4,119,792	7,678,153	86.37
23.	Sikkim	62,122	76,828	23.67
24.	Tamil Nadu	7,447,642	5,529,945	-25.75
25.	Tripura	467,075	453,854	-2.83
26.	Uttar Pradesh	13,129,698	16,374,892 1	30.71
27.	Uttaranchal*	—	787,193 J	
28.	West Bengal	7,840,201	9,474,238	20.84
	INDIA	89,649,038	103,650,113	15.62

* Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal came into existence w.e.f. November, 2000.

\# Not implementing the programme since 1998-99.

Vocational programme at the undergraduate level

439. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient points of the UGC proposal to "recast the vocationalisation programme at the undergraduate level under a modified scheme of career orientation programme" under which colleges and universities will be allowed to run certificate/diploma/advanced diploma programmes parallel to conventional courses;

(b) whether any model courses have been structured to be the guiding factor for colleges/universities to frame their courses; and